



Don't Drink Tap Water in Park Place Until Further Notice

All Staff E-Mail Message from May 8, 2014

Until further notice, do not drink the tap water from any source in the Park Place building.

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Late this afternoon, we learned that a drinking water test performed by the lessor on one of our newly remodeled floors exceeded the action level for lead. The Maximum Contaminant Level is 15 ug/L and the result was 18 ug/L. These results may indicate a wider problem in the building. We take this matter very seriously. We are working with GSA and the lessor to immediately conduct further testing and, if necessary, take corrective actions. We are looking into alternative sources of drinking water for EPA employees as we work with GSA and the lessor. The lessor reports that this exceedance could be traced to two fixtures (a faucet and an ice maker) and does not indicate a broader problem.

We will update you as soon as more information becomes available.

Day Care Center – It is our understanding that the drinking water in the Day Care facility on the 2nd floor is sampled annually in accordance with GSA requirements. EPA is not provided the results of those tests. To our knowledge, the results from those tests have not indicated any exceedances. Parents may consult with the Green Tree staff directly for more information.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

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